

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	February 26, 2014
BOARD MEETING	March 11, 2014
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Approve Expenditures For The Second Annual Client Congress Forum
PROGRAM	N/A
DEADLINES	N/A
COST & FUNDING	The estimated cost of the Forum is approximately \$46,594.05, fully funded by State MHSA revenue. The \$46,594.05 budget for the Forum includes \$28,462.05 for facility rental, set-up, audio-visual equipment services, parking services and food services for consumer attendees. The estimated cost also includes \$5,000 for charter buses to provide transportation for consumers, \$11,717 for translation services/interpreter services for 13 threshold languages, and \$1,415 for other miscellaneous items.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Request approval to expend funds to host the Second Annual Client Congress Forum, scheduled to be held on June 27, 2014, for the purpose of addressing empowerment and advocacy issues related to mental illness.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>Board approval of the recommended actions will enable DMH to host the 2nd Annual Client Congress Forum, which is scheduled to be held on June 27, 2014, at the Center at Cathedral Plaza.</p> <p>The Client Congress of DMH, which will host the Forum, is an association composed of groups and individuals dedicated to promoting social inclusion. Through collective advocacy efforts, people receiving public mental health services, and those who support them, can make a positive contribution to their communities and impact the negative stereotypes that surround people with mental illness.</p> <p>The Forum is the vehicle for linking members and groups, integrating advocacy efforts, organizing countywide public service activities, and developing an annual community event dedicated to exploring issues important to mental health clients and their families. The Forum will bring together people from all parts of the County, including from the Latino and Asian/Pacific Islander communities, as well as from the deaf, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT), and other communities that have been traditionally underserved.</p>
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